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Darrem Lum  
Staff

# Longtime weatherman retires

➤ After 62 years of taking the town's temperature, Phil Graham calls it a day

Chad Ingram  
Staff reporter

Phil Graham has been keeping track of Minden's weather longer than many of its residents have been alive.

For 62 years Graham has been collecting data on monthly temperatures and precipitation volumes and submitting it to the federal government.

Now, at 87, Graham is hanging up his thermometer due to reasons of health.

His love affair with the weather started early

in life.

"I've always been interested in it," Graham says, seated in the living room of his Invergordon Avenue home, overlooking the Gull River. "Even when I was going to school and everything. My mother was interested, always."

Graham was raised in Minden and remembers the winters of his childhood being much colder than the ones now, with temperatures hitting 50

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# Farmers' market to set up in Haliburton for fall 2012

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market will be making its home in Haliburton for a portion of their 2012 season.

Angel Taylor, chairperson of the market's association and Angela McGreevy, manager of the farmers' market, proposed the idea to the municipality of Dysart prior to their council meeting on Dec. 5.

In a letter dated Nov. 21, Taylor writes that after careful consideration the board has decided to run a fall market in Haliburton Village from Sept. 7 through to Oct. 5, 2012.

The market would be held at Rotary Park on Fridays for a total of five days.

As it has for the past two years, the farmers' market will continue to run in Carnarvon during the summer months.

According to Taylor's letter, hosting the market in Haliburton Village for one third of their season is a good way to explore the viability of a location in Dysart.

The market would not be held in Carnarvon following the September long weekend in 2012.

Taylor suggests the market continue to take place on Fridays, to prevent disrupting arrangements vendors may have with other farmers' markets.

The association proposed running the market in Haliburton Village from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., however, details on the hours are still subject to change.

"We are still tweaking in terms of hours," said Taylor, who mentioned the times might change to accommodate those who work.

Running a farmers' market on municipal property should not pose a concern in regards to insurance, said Taylor.

"We've been following in the press your concern about

liability with groups that are in public spaces. We thought it would be of interest to you to know that we have \$5 million commercial general liability for our farmers' market," said Taylor.

The liability coverage primarily includes items such as accidents and falls and not product belonging to individual vendors, said Taylor.

The association is hoping to effectively communicate and work with council during the next few months.

"We will do our best to help you promote it and accommodate you in every way that we can," said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey.

Fearrey said council was looking forward to making the market successful in Haliburton Village.

"It's good for the downtown," he said.

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market was established in 2009.

## Chamber breakfast features wealth planner

The monthly Chamber of Commerce breakfast featured the Bank of Montreal's Jeff Schreiter, a private wealth consultant, who talked about the services offered through Harris Private Banking.

Likening his services to choosing to fly as a passenger rather than piloting the plane of financial management, Schreiter outlined what BMO could do for the small business owner.

The Dec. 1 event was held at the Domain of Killien.

### Chamber dates to remember

Nominations for the business achievement awards through the chamber have been extended to Dec. 16. You can nominate your favourite business for a variety of awards through the website or by calling the chamber at 705-457-4700.

The next chamber breakfast will be at the Wild Moose on Jan. 10 with a representative from Workforce Development speaking about the Bears' Lair business competition.



### Making way for the Queen

The building at the corner of Highway 35 and Bobcaygeon Road that once housed Rusty's Auto Service was brought down on Dec. 5. A Dairy Queen will be built on the site. More photos at [mindentimes.ca](http://mindentimes.ca). Chad Ingram Staff

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Jim Wilson, CAO/County Clerk

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**"The Gambler"- Peter Davidson's amazing one-man tribute to Kenny Rogers**

Since his hair turned silver-gray, New Brunswick native Peter Davidson has had to get used to being mistaken for recording star Kenny Rogers, on a daily basis. As a member of the Juno Award-winning "Good Brothers", playing many of the same venues as Rogers, his strikingly similar voice and appearance makes this tribute understandable. But relentless touring, recording and TV appearances began to take their toll on Peter's personal and family life. After 17 years working beside the likes of Anne Murray, Gordon Lightfoot and Burton Cummings, he called it quits. Becoming a solo artist happened purely by accident. Once off the road, Peter had planned to continue as a solo artist. But as without shows gained popularity, he again began getting calls from venues and agents looking for "that guy who looks and sounds like Kenny Rogers". The rest, as they say, is history. Centre-stage under a single spotlight, or striding through an audience, confides microphone in hand, Peter's look, sound and image is Kenny Rogers at his peak. His performance of Rogers' hits like Lucille, Lady, Lady to the Queen and, of course, The Gambler, take audi-

**The Gambler**  
Peter Davidson's - "The Gambler" performs Friday, Dec. 9 at The Northern Lights Pavilion. Doors open at 7 p.m. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$28 and are available at Cranberry

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# Recording the weather a family affair

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and 55 below zero.

Weather patterns, however, have become more volatile.

"It wasn't as bad as it now," he said. "The storms and the snow and the drifting and everything."

Throughout his life, Graham has seen a shift in where Minden receives its weather from.

While most of it used to blow in from the west, today, Graham says it more commonly comes from a southwesterly direction.

It was the late 1940s when Graham began his volunteer climatological work, taking monthly temperature and precipitation measurements with specialized thermometers and a rain gauge.

One thermometer is constructed to maintain the reading for the lowest temperature it reaches, while the other is constructed to maintain the reading for the highest.

The rain gauge is a plastic cylindrical container with a funnelled lid and a capacity of one square foot.

On top of mailing his monthly info highest and lowest temperatures, average temperature, days with the most and least rainfall and total rainfall to the federal weather office each month, Graham would also call in reports of extreme weather.

He started out his tracking when he was living in Clergy House and continued the pursuit while living in Haliburton before moving to his current home in 1957.

His thermometers are kept in a white, wooden weather station in his backyard, one topped by a windmill.

The rain gauge, which looks like a thermos on a metal pole, sits on the lawn a few feet away.

There were times when volunteers would help Graham out with his measurements.

An employee of Ontario Hydro for 37 years, at times Graham would travel to Niagara Falls and Orangeville to train upcoming hydro workers.

During these stretches, which could last from two weeks to three months, neighbours or sometimes his wife, Jane, would look after the weather station.

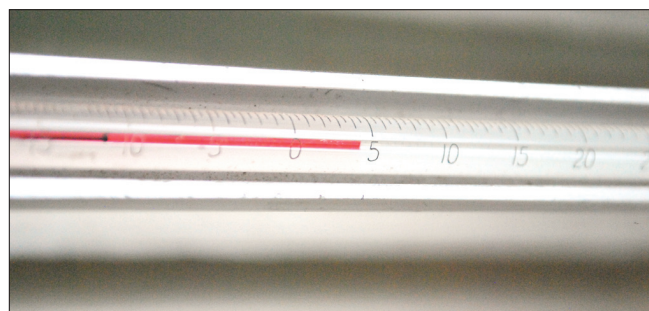
By far, the most severe weather phenomenon Graham remembers was Hurricane Hazel.

The storm ravaged southern central and southern Ontario on Oct. 15, 1954.



Chad Ingram Staff

After tracking Minden's weather for the federal government for 62 years, Phil Graham, 87, is hanging up his thermometer. Environment Canada is recognizing him with a special award.



Special thermometers issued by Environment Canada allow one to track the highest and lowest temperatures reached each month.

"I said to Jane, 'there's something wrong,'" Graham says, adding it took he and his hydro colleagues some three weeks to get electricity in the county running properly again. It wasn't as bad as down south.

His favourite type of weather is the good

kind.

While he used to like winter, that's not the case anymore.

"It's too darn cold," Graham says.

Environment Canada is recognizing Graham for his decades of work.

“

**[Weather] wasn't as bad as it is now. The storms and the snow and the drifting and everything.**

— Phil Graham

He recently received a letter from Jaymie Gadal, a regional director with the federal government's environmental arm.

"I would like to recognize your special efforts and dedication in providing high quality climatological measurement for the last 62 years at the Minden volunteer climate station," the letter reads. "Your contributions have played an important role in our understanding of climate patterns, fluctuations and high-impact weather events such extreme rainfall, ice storms, heat-waves and drought, which affect our economic activities, the environment and our everyday lives."

A special certificate from Environment Canada is on its way.

It will join other awards Graham has received for his record-keeping displayed throughout his home, including a large glass award he received on the 50th anniversary of his volunteer work that sits on a table in his foyer.

That one, he is proud to point out, was presented to him by Dave Phillips, Canada's foremost meteorologist.

While Graham may be done collecting weather data for the government, his work will continue.

His son, Gordon, is moving to Minden and will be setting up his own weather station.

But will Gordon be able to fill his dad's rubber boots?

"Why, yes," Graham says, explaining his son "has been building his own weather stations for some time now."

For the Grahams, it seems that weather is a family affair.

## Christmas fundraiser doubles as children's entertainment

**Riley Maracle**  
Co-op student

Even though Christmas is a season cherished by children, there's not always a lot for them to do.

That's why the executive chef at The Red Umbrella Inn has decided to do something special this year.

The Red Umbrella Inn will be holding their Christmas Brunch on Dec. 11 and the second annual Santa's Brunch on Dec. 18.

The hope of these brunches is to give children something to do with their families, said chef Michael Chilvers.

Chilvers believes that this will not only help give kids in the community something to do, it will also be a good way to earn money for local charities.

The cost for brunch is \$20.95 for adults and \$9.95 for children 12 and under.

\$2 from every meal sold at the Christmas brunch will go to the Minden Food Bank, they will also be collecting non-perishable food items.

The Christmas brunch will be held in the Lakeside Dining Room. Food served will include homemade soup, salad, pancakes, fresh rotisserie sage and rosemary Ontario

turkey.

Desserts include pie, apple crisp, and carrot cake.

\$2 from every meal sold at the Santa Brunch will go to Point In Time.

The Santa Brunch will include the same dishes but will include a special guest.

Children will be able to get their picture take with Santa Claus at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.



# Minden gets a taste of Italy

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

"*Ti amo*" means "I love you" in Italian and Mary Douglas is hoping residents will love her new Minden eatery.

The Ti Amo Italian Diner, located in the Heritage Plaza along Highway 35, has opened its doors.

"This is something I've always wanted to do," said Douglas.

The daughter of Italian immigrants, Douglas learned many recipes from her mother, whom she cooked alongside starting at age 11.

"All of the food we serve here are all the recipes my mom taught to me," Douglas said.

Those recipes include homemade sauces; veal, chicken and meatball dishes made from scratch; and homemade salad dressings.

All the pasta is fresh.

"It's the comfort . . . it's the whole culture," Douglas said of her love for Italian cuisine. "It's all about food and sharing and laughing and music, family and friends."

Originally from Toronto, Douglas moved to Minden in 2007 after spending weekends in the area during the summer.

"I believe in Minden," she said. "I think Minden is a great little town."

The Italian restaurant is Douglas's second business in town, having bought The River Cone earlier in the year.

"I thought it would be a good variety to have one business on the highway and one in town," she said, explaining why she'd chosen to locate her new business along the Highway 35 corridor.

Painted in warm yellow and auburn, the place has a



**Chad Ingram** Staff

Mary Douglas recently opened Ti Amo Italian Diner along Highway 35 in Minden. The restaurant serves up authentic Italian meals based on recipes Douglas learned from her mother.

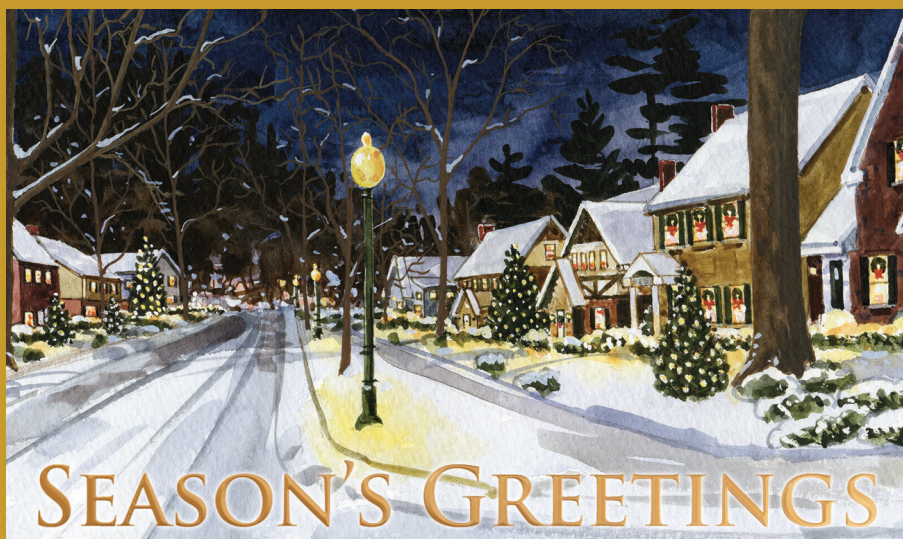
relaxed, ambient feel.

"It's very casual," Douglas said, inviting people to "come, enjoy and relax."

She's been working on renovations for past the three and half weeks and wishes to thank her friends and family for

their support, as well as local tradespeople for their expertise.

The restaurant also serves full breakfast and is open Monday through Thursday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.



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## CAS reaches deal in dispute

Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society and its workers reached a tentative settlement following a seven-week strike late last week.

The local Children's Aid Society announced the tentative agreement with Ontario Public Service Employees Union Local 334 on Friday, Dec. 2.

"It may take a little time for things to fully return to normal. We greatly appreciate the patience of families and community partners as we get systems re-established and return to full service," Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society interim executive director Suzanne Geoffrion states in a release.

Representatives of the Children's Aid Society and OPSEU Local 334 couldn't be reached for comment.

OPSEU Local 334 represents about 120 child protection and administrative support staff at the local Children's Aid Society that has offices in Peterborough, Lindsay and Haliburton.

The workers had been without a new contract since March.

They rejected a contract offer on Nov. 10. After the rejected offer, the agency replaced executive director Hugh Nicholson.

The two sides returned to negotiations on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before reaching the settlement.

Workers said that they wanted improved working conditions, citing long hours and poor job security as issues.

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Former Kinmount resident Emma Bennett, pictured here, recently started an adventure getaway business in her new home of Sayulita, Mexico. /Photo submitted

# From Kinmount to Mexico

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Emma Bennett of Kinmount recently started her own adventure business.

In Mexico. Bennett, 20, attended Archie Stouffer Elementary School and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, from which she graduated in 2009.

She first visited the land of the Aztecs in her Grade 11 year, as her mother searched for a retirement destination.

"My mom decided we should take a semester off and live in Mexico for a few months," Bennett explained in a phone interview.

It was during this stint that she first discovered surfing, an activity that would turn into a passion for her.

"From there, I went down every year," Bennett said, adding that she finally moved to Mexico in the summer of 2010.

Making her home in Sayulita, small fishing town north of Puerto Vallarta on the Pacific coast, surfing has become a way of life for Bennett.

"It's an amazing feeling to be able to ride a wave," she said. "It's a liberating feeling."

She's carefully honed her skill during the past year.

"I would go out and I looked like a fool . . . I was the white girl from way up north trying to surf, but I kept going and going," she said.

Her persistence earned her the respect of the local experts.

"They helped me," she said, explaining that she is now able to teach beginner lessons.

Bennett's adventure packages also include yoga, which she started studying in Kingston, while her sister was attending Queen's University there.

She practices bikram yoga, a type of yoga that was created with a focus on the knees.

It entails a series of 26 postures and is performed in a heated room.

"It's extremely beneficial for the body . . . it helps to calm the mind as well," Bennett said.

Her adventure packages combine yoga and surfing and are geared towards "students who are in university or really any young adults who want to come to Mexico . . . and don't want to go to a resort, if they want something a little more active."

While Sayulita may be small – it's population is about 2,000 – it's a colourful and diverse place, Bennett said.

"It's a small village, but it has people from all over the world," she said. "There's a French bakery, there's an Italian restaurant. Everyone is an artist."

Bennett does travel back to the county from time to time to "visit friends that might as well be my family. Haliburton will still be my home. I'm hoping that one day somehow I can merge this into something in Haliburton. It's such a beautiful place."

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## Thanks Phil

**P**HIL GRAHAM HAS been keeping track of local weather for 62 years.

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That means Phil started keeping track of the weather in 1949.

Please take a moment, dear readers, and appreciate the enormity of that with me.

That means Phil started keeping track of the weather just four years after the conclusion of the Second World War (in which he served).

Phil started keeping track of the weather before most homes had televisions; before the dawn of rock n' roll; before the Canadian Medical Care Act; before the moon landing; before Murray Fearrey entered politics; and long before the era of the Internet.

For many of us, Phil started keeping track of the weather before we were even born.

In my personal case, Phil has been keeping track of the weather for more than twice as long as I've been alive.

But it's not just the length of time that is astonishing; it's the dedication.

For 62 years, Phil has been taking

daily recordings of temperature and rainfall.

Sixty-two years is 22,630 days.

Most people will not demonstrate this amount of dedication to any one thing, marriage included, during their lifetimes.

Phil's also had the unique opportunity to empirically see climate change take hold, noting the gradual warming of Minden winters and changes in the volatility of weather patterns.

Phil has been deservedly recognized in the past by Environment Canada for helping our

government to better understand weather patterns and is being recognized again as he gives up his long-time hobby due to his health.

For the past several years (many more than I've been working for the *Times*), Phil has also been kind enough to share his weather observations with the paper, unfailingly showing up at the beginning of each month with an account of the meteorological happenings from the one preceding.

On behalf of everyone at the *Times*, I'd like to thank Phil for his incredible contribution not only to this paper over the years, but indeed, to climate science in this country.



**Chad Ingram**  
Reporter

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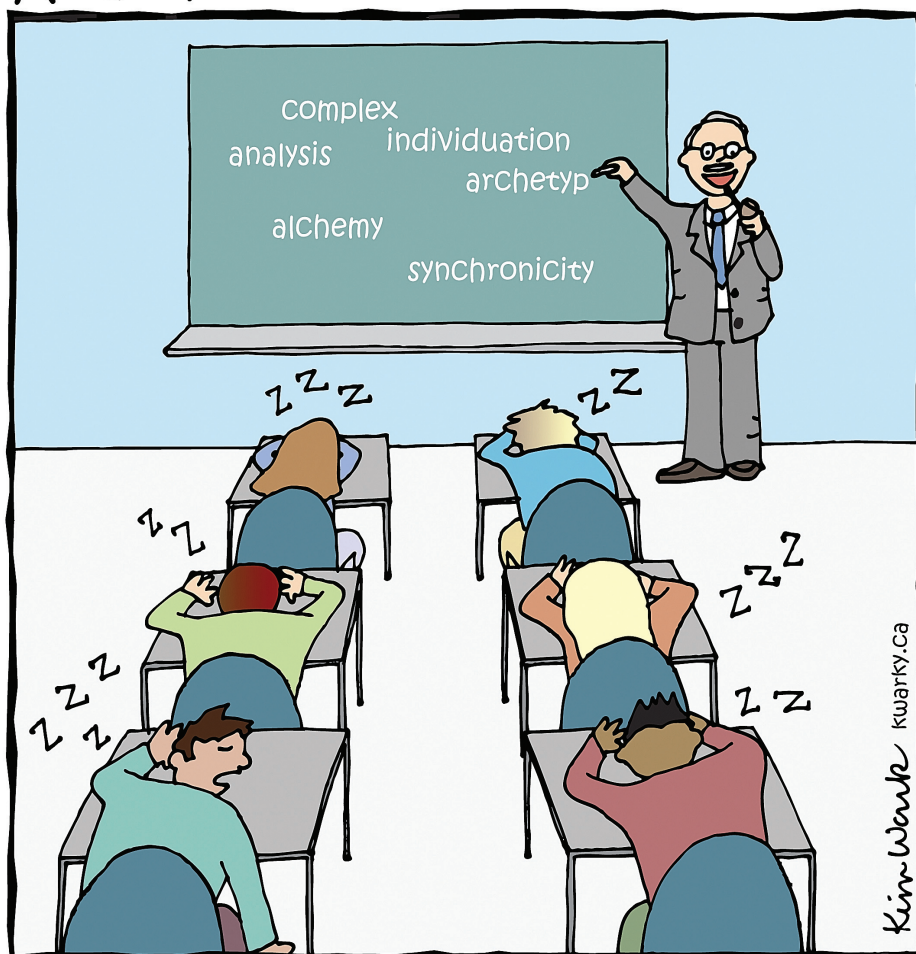
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letters to the editor

## Charge for public water

To the Editor,

Minden Hills needs to start charging for water at the taps located by the fire hall. When I drive by and see a vehicle and trailer with a large plastic tank getting water for nothing, and because I live in town and have to pay, it tells me there is something wrong with that picture!

Last time I went to the grocery store they didn't give away bottled water, they charged for it! The tap should be no different.

Start making us money to help pay for that new water tower.

**Don Stromberg**  
Minden

## Building lots not affordable

To the Editor,

"A long dormant subdivision application in Algonquin Highlands is coming back to the forefront."

Apparently developers are looking at 17 building lots by the Kennis River. Really? Was it not just a few years ago when there was grave concern about the longevity about the Little Hawk lake dump? Where exactly would these 17 new homes bring their refuse? Maybe we could just make a bigger dump ... what's a few more trees?

There was also mention in the article about how the additional properties would generate taxes for AH. Really? Didn't AH just announce their excitement about finally recovering some back taxes and that some property owners are still up to \$30,000 in arrears? That's OK, I'm sure the 17 new own-

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# points of view

## Just being cute

**S**OMETIMES YOU JUST don't know what you don't know. Don't feel bad if you never knew that; there are plenty of things I don't know about either.

Here's just one example: I always thought that being called cute was supposed to be a compliment. But recently, I've learned that these days, it can also mean that you are being sexually harassed.

This is what a nine-year-old boy was accused of after he was overheard calling his teacher cute. And, as a result of this, he was awarded a two-day suspension.

I won't lie to you. This incident, which was reported earlier this week in the U.S., leaves me very angry and disappointed. Had I known that this type of comment would have earned

me some much-needed vacation time in the middle of the school year, I would have bit the bullet and called my shop teacher beautiful—despite the fact that he was not.

Having said that, I think suspension is probably the wrong punishment— if any is warranted at all.

After all, it sounds like we're talking about a simple schoolboy crush.

Besides, if people around me were suspended from work every time one of them confided to a fellow employee that they thought I was cute, I'm sure it would be very hard on attendance. This and the fact that they know it could be con-

strued as sexual harassment is probably why all of my current co-workers have kept what they are thinking to themselves.

I'm sure it also explains why I have never heard a single co-worker, friend or acquaintance refer to me as cute – even though everyone must surely be thinking it. (See accompanying photo.)

Obviously, the incredible restraint shown by those of you who regularly lay eyes on me is to be commended. As amazing as it might sound, not one of you has ever whistled at me – and that includes all the times when I've donned my favourite plaid shirt. You know the one.



**Steve Galea**  
Beyond 35

I can't even imagine how difficult this must be for those around me during the summer months. That's when I saunter around the county sporting sandals and snug, knee-high white socks – commonly referred to as my bringing back sexy look.

No doubt, there are probably a few dinosaurs out there who would suggest that the sight of my exposed upper calf is a little too much for undisciplined onlookers to handle. Or that I am far too reminiscent of a young George Clooney (let's say age eight).

And, of course, they would be quite right to point this out. I am cute. There I said it.

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## A Main Street without sidewalks

**R**UST NEVER SLEEPS. Go to bed thinking you have a shop on Main Street and you wake up one morning to find out that Main Street has been moved right out from under you.

The Highway 35 bypass is the new downtown, the reeve of Minden Hills told a county council meeting not so long ago. It is Minden's "main commercial street," she declared.

Funny thing. I've always thought that Bobcaygeon Road is Main Street. It's where the banks are, the drug stores, the bars . . .

The cultural centre, the community centre, the school and all of the churches are in the neighbourhood. The two largest stores on the bypass both have Bobcaygeon Road entrances.

That argument is so last century, I guess. More cash flows on the bypass, though a lot of it flows from folks just passing through on the way to somewhere else, filling up with fast food and gasoline, not even realizing there is a village nearby.

It must be reassuring, after driving a long and winding road through rock cuts and trees and swamps to fetch up in a gasoline alley that looks just like home. A little piece of Scarborough in

the Highlands!

The reeve was urging the instant demolition of an old auto-repair shop that is to be replaced by a new county building. The old Walker's garage, she announced, is "unsightly."

Unsightly? It might need a shave and a haircut after sitting empty for a while, but it looks pretty much as it always has, the way service stations have always looked. Neat but not gaudy.

If there have been visitor complaints about the old garage, I haven't heard them, but I've sure heard remarks about the look of the other side of the highway.

There should be a sign south of town, saying "Franchises Are Us." Rushing to knock down the Walker's building this winter won't persuade anybody to pay Minden a visit.

The county's plan was to knock down the garage and clean up the site all at once in the spring, which would be less expensive than doing one job now and the other later, which is the reeve's plan.

Barring emergency meetings, which are unlikely, the tendering process

would push the job start into February, which means it wouldn't be done much before spring anyhow.

Evidently the Reeve, who got herself elected by promising to save taxpayer dollars, found no inconsistency in spending extra county dollars on the more expensive option.

If the old garage is too ugly to live, where does that leave the rest of us? It's not the only building in the township that is old and a little frayed around the edges. Perhaps the township should keep a dozer on standby, just in case more demolitions are required.

The reeve is entitled to her views, as I am to mine. The thing is, her declaration that the bypass has become Main Street was a tad insensitive to folks trying to make a go of it downtown.

I haven't talked to downtown merchants like Deborah Lyons or John Thomas or Shawn Chamberlin about the reeve's views, but if I was one of them, I would not be pleased with paying my tax dollars for that kind of candour.

Of course, the reeve's words may

have been a simple slip of the tongue. It's probably only a coincidence that many of the folks who voted her into office believe that the village is an expensive carbuncle on the township's back.

Or so I keep hearing. Why do we need Riverwalk? Or an art gallery? Or any of the other attractions that will draw more visitors than the removal of an "unsightly" old service station?

The reeve's remarks also remind us how the township's new property standards bylaw works. Somebody has lodged a complaint under the bylaw, she told county council.

Who? That's a secret. Anybody can complain, I suppose. A politician bent on removing all that is unsightly could enlist a friend, even a spouse, to do the complaining. We'll never know.

So the family of the former owner of the old garage can be publicly embarrassed by the reeve's declaration that the building is "unsightly" but the complainant's identity is protected.

That hardly seems fair.

*Neil Campbell's book, Cell Phones and Sap Buckets, is available in stores across Haliburton County.*

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**Neil Campbell**  
Back of Beyond

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# letters

## Poverty level is high

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ers will all be forthright with their property taxes owing.

Quit building these places that the majority in the county cannot afford. Our poverty level here is shameful ...that's an embarrassment.

I'm getting tired of these developers coming in with their fancy Power Point presentations telling us what's good for our community (like building that hydro generating fiasco by Buttermilk Falls).

"They paved paradise and put up a parking lot ... they took all the trees and put 'em in a tree museum ... and they charged the people a dollar and a half just to see 'em."

Gord Hoenow  
Algonquin Highlands

## People make mistakes

To the Editor,

When Steve Galea writes, that these days, our children must think the world is a very confusing place, he is right. He brings up an incident that happened with a soccer ball in a Toronto School yard. Who is to blame? Now something out of my life:

We were playing soccer in the yard. A keen shot, followed by a firm deflection from my foot, causes the ball to fly high up into the air and straight into the glass window pane, shattering it. And it's my fault. I was the last one to touch the ball.

People are always looking for a scapegoat, a culprit who is at the heart of all the trouble. This is quite understandable. If man wants to subject the world to himself, he must inquire into the reason behind things. And if someone has contributed to an accident, it is only natural that others want to find the guilty party and take him or her to account.

It serves the purpose of justice when a judge in trial is very diligent in clearing up the question of blame before pronouncing a verdict. But in everyday life it is not always necessary to root out the guilty party. Who forgot to close the window in the bedroom? Whose fault is it that there is no more bread in the house? Who is to blame that there is a dark mood in the family?

In such cases it is better to take some time together to think about what steps might be taken in order to avoid such things in the future. Finding a scapegoat does very little in the interest of progress – provided that everyone involved is of good will and that no one is deliberately trying to inflict sabotage.

People make mistakes – and can learn from them. We can learn to resolve conflicts without assigning blame. We have to show respect to another. Perhaps he forgot to close the window or forgot that it was my birthday. Perhaps he has acted poorly in my eyes, but does that make him a terrible person? "Whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them."

Naturally I want others to speak to me respectfully and without assigning blame even if I have made a mistake. How can I do the same in return? I should be clear about what I think of my neighbour. After all, these thoughts will influence my words and conduct. Then it may indeed happen again that the window pane shatters, but no one will ever have to be shattered again under the burden of blame.

Hans Walter  
Algonquin Highlands



Emma Cox reads her first place submission *Raccoon's Mission* during the 2011 Back Words short story contest celebration last Saturday morning at R.D. Lawrence Place. Cox is a Grade 8 student at Archie Stouffer Elementary School who says she loves to write. /Photo by Sheryl Loucks.

## Back Words winners announced

Raccoon, star, hollow, farm, and sanctuary. These five words all meant something very special to R.D. Lawrence and he would have recognized it in the stories written for this year's Back Words short story contest, which were shared at an awards celebration on Saturday, Dec. 3, many themes that were important in his work and life.

This year's children's first place winner is Grade 8 Archie Stouffer Elementary School student Emma Cox, who says she did not realize Lawrence owned and operated wildlife sanctuaries when she wrote her entry about a geriatric raccoon. The first animal that Lawrence ever rescued and cared for at a sanctuary was a raccoon at North Star Farm.

Contest judge Michael Fay said Cox's story *Raccoon's Mission* is an imaginative tale of friendship between a raccoon and horse with a redemptive journey to sanctuary for the aging, neglected raccoon. His co-judge writer in-residence Ron Evans said, the story is highly imaginative, creative and "most importantly, fun to read. Also, it never hurts to have a feel-good ending to a story."

Although, Evans also said and Fay agreed, "sometimes stories are not meant to have a happy ending." As was the case with the youth category first place winner Jessica Misco's story called *The Messenger*. The 16-year-old's story is a fantasy that Evans described as having good attention to detail in its visuals. He also liked how the story winds up where the reader wouldn't necessarily expect it to go.

Fay said the story is about a message that falls from the sky with a very clever riddle introducing the main character to a true trickster who takes him on a journey which leads to his demise. Fay admits he did not unlock the riddle at first adding to his appreciation for this young mystery writer's talent.

Bucking the nostalgic pastoral themes of many entries, Fay was amused by Vanessa Kennedy's story *Inheritance* which was awarded the honourable mention in the youth category. Kennedy has spent time in Texas, so her main character is an accountant who inherits a ranch from his great-grandfather but after a long journey to the Lone Star State, and a tangle with a raccoon, decides he's just not a country boy.

The 14-year-old from Wilberforce says as an author she wants readers to be "launched into a different world just by turning a page."

Victoria Edwards, who won an honourable mention in the children's category, had a similar idea when she wrote *Allie and the talking raccoon Kips!* Edwards makes a move up in the rankings from a third place last year to what amounts to second place this year with another fantasy style tale. This year, her main character is a girl who befriends a talking raccoon and joins him on a mythic adventure to find his way back to his underground world. Fay was as surprised as the audience when her name was announced because her writing voice has grown and even though it is blind judging, he thought he would have recognized this young writer's work.

In the adult category it is a whole new roster of winners. Coordinator Sheryl Loucks says it was surprising to see the number of entries grow this year with a few returning contenders but several new names as well.

"When our judges say it was really difficult making a decision, they weren't kidding. We have people entering who have published books and people who are first time writers. But in this contest, since the judges do not see any of the biographical information or names, it is an even playing field. And sometimes the results are surprising," says Loucks.

First place went to Meg Hoffman, who says it is only recently in retirement that she started writing. She was first published this fall in the *Harcourt Holler* newsletter from Harcourt Park where she has a cottage. She explained that as an early childhood educator she spent a lot of years as an oral storyteller using body language and voice tones to bring emotion to stories and found it a real challenge to rely solely on words. She was unable to attend the awards celebration due to a previous engagement but talked to Loucks on the phone about what it meant to her to win this contest.

"I love the Highlands so much because of all the talent there. I find just the act of entering a contest like this makes you feel like you are a part of the writing community, it's like entering a new club for me. And given the illustrious writers some of the entrants are, this award is a true honour."

Evans said it's easy to write about past events (real or fictional), but a sign of a good story is being able to close one's eyes and visualize what is on the page, which is what Hoffman's story *Impressions* "really succeeds at." Fay agreed. He explained at the awards ceremony that having studied with Alice Munroe, arguably Canada's greatest current author, he would fit *Impressions* in that style of storytelling.

"*Impressions* is a sweet memory tale written in an elegiac language, easily integrating the five words into the flow of the story. It brings a moment to life, girls sharing sweet togetherness on a visit to a farm, with the magic of fact melding into impression."

Evans enjoyed the same ability to turn a memory into a visually rich retelling in Margaret Clayton's story *My Place of Sanctuary*. He and Fay agreed to create a tie between Clayton and Lucy Bacon for the adult category's honourable mention.

Clayton grew up in Beaverton coming to Haliburton on Sunday drives. She later bought property and cottaged here, where she says she continues to escape to whenever possible in any season and it is those moments of peace in her own personal sanctuary that she writes about. Much like Lawrence used to.

Bacon's central character in her story called *Sanctuary*, finds a similar refuge but the atmosphere and setting is quite different in what Fay called a truly disturbing dystopian tale of a time when our oil-based society has come crashing down and the characters are struggling to rebuild without it. The story hints at an environmental catastrophe of the type Lawrence used to write we were careening towards but Bacon stays focused on the struggle of her main character, who survives a vicious attack and finds a measure of peace amongst her neighbours. Fay says not only did the story put a vice-grip on his attention from the first sentence

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# Awards include best title and funniest entry

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but the characters were also convincingly drawn, a difficult challenge to meet when all entries could be no more than 750 words.

Bacon jokingly conceded her title though was boring after 10-year-old Bridie Andrus, a cottager, beat out all other entrants in all categories for Best Title – *Stolen Cheese*. This tale is dedicated to a mouse that is led on a hunt for his stolen cheese through a farm by Quicky the Fox.

Another bragging rights honour was given to James Stewart for funniest entry. His story about a one armed juggling

raccoon is called *Bandits Big Show In The Barn*.

Loucks says R.D. Lawrence Place is grateful to editor Jenn Watt's commitment to run the winning stories in either the *Haliburton Echo* or *Minden Times* during the period between the holidays. The stories will also be published in the R.D. Lawrence Place section of [www.mindenculturalcentre.com](http://www.mindenculturalcentre.com).

"This is the third year we've run this contest, the second we've used Back Words, an idea of former writer in-residence Laura Redman and the entries are always so interesting and diverse. For anyone who wants to continue to work on their writing they should stop by our writer's circle or

memoir program," says Loucks who can be reached at 705-286-2298 for more details.

R.D. Lawrence Place has a mandate to foster a love of reading, promote the art of writing and deepen respect for natural heritage. It is located at 176 Bobcaygeon Road at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre which includes the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden Hills Museum, and Haliburton County Public Library Minden branch. The centre is owned and operated by the Township of Minden Hills.

The Writer In-Residence program is supported by the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network and the HCPL.

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### WELCOME

### THIRD TOWN HALL MEETING!

THE PUBLIC IS CORDIALLY WELCOME TO ATTEND OUR THIRD TOWN HALL MEETING:

**WHEN: SATURDAY, JANUARY 7th, 2012 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

**WHERE: MINDEN COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Topic: Minden Hills Economic Development Plan, OPP Update**

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### NOTICE

**Finance Advisory Committee meeting  
January 30th, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.  
second floor boardroom  
Township of Minden Hills**



### MEETINGS AND EVENTS

December 8th	9:00 am Last regular Council meeting for 2011 (Public session 10:00 am)
December 18th to January 2nd	Cultural Centre – closed
December 19th, 20th & 21st	Christmas Food Basket Program at Community Centre
December 23rd	Administration Office open all day
December 26th to January 1st	Administration Offices - closed
January 2nd Administration	Offices and Cultural Centre reopen
January 7th	Town Hall meeting at Community Center
January 30	10:00 am Finance Advisory Committee meeting



### AGNES JAMIESON GALLERY EXHIBIT

**Come vote for the People's Choice Award at the Members' Show!**

The annual Members' show will be running through to December 17th at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. Come see the work submitted by our Gallery's very talented Members and be sure to fill out a ballot for your favourite in our **People's Choice Award**. Join us for the **closing reception on Saturday, December 17 at 3 p.m.** The People's Choice winner will be announced, and all in attendance can enjoy some Holiday Cheer. It's a fun time to enjoy your Gallery and maybe do some Christmas shopping in our gift shop.

**The Minden Hills Cultural Centre will be closed  
for the Holidays**

**December 18th – January 3rd**

For more information on any of these events please see our website at

[www.mindenculturalcentre.com](http://www.mindenculturalcentre.com)

### Minden Fire Department 2011 Cash Calendar Winners!

Don Crumbie, Arvada Reynolds, Dora Foster, Liz Merry

### MINDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT TOY DRIVE!

Our Volunteer Firefighters will be out visiting residents in the Village of Minden collecting toys for our annual Christmas Toy Drive. December 13th, 2011 at 7 pm

**RIVERWALK** pathway will not be maintained from October 1st to May 1st. Users will do so "at their own risk" and pathway could be slippery. Staff are instructed to keep the Loggers' Crossing bridge open to pedestrian traffic only during the winter months – for your safety, please use caution.

### THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**HEARING DATE:** MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2011  
**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.  
**PLACE AND ADDRESS:** Municipal Council Chambers  
7 Milne Street,  
Minden, Ontario.

In the matter of Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended and in the matter of Zoning By-law No. 06-10 as amended.

File No. MV A33/2011, Part Lot 18, Concession 10, Township of Lutterworth, 1019 Statesman Drive, GULL LAKE,

Applicant: Patricia SHEPARD

Purpose: Proposing to construct a deck to the front of an existing legal non-complying dwelling in the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone that is 10.5m (34.4') from the normal high water mark. The new deck will be 8.8m (28.8') from the normal high water mark. Section 4.7.4 iii) restricts development within 15m (50') of the normal high water mark therefore a variance is required to go 1.7m (5.6') closer.

File No. MV A34/2011, Part Lot 27, Concession 4, Township of Lutterworth, 1024 Moore Lake Estates Road, GULL RIVER

Applicant: Elvin HUMPHRIES

Purpose: Proposing to construct a 10' x 17' florida room and an 8' x 9' greenhouse over an existing deck. The existing dwelling is 39' from the normal high water mark therefore legal non-complying as it closer to the front yard than permitted in a Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone. Section 4.7.4 iii) restricts development within 15m (50') of the normal high water mark therefore a variance is required to go two feet closer.

**ANY PERSON** may attend the public hearing and/or make written comments to the Township of Minden Hills either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed minor variance.

**NOTICE OF DECISION** - A copy of the decision of the Committee will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the public hearing and who has filed with the secretary-treasurer, a written request for notice of the decision.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** regarding this application will be available for public inspection until noon on the day of the meeting at the Building and Planning Department for the Township of Minden Hills, during normal office hours.

Dated this 7th day of December, 2011.

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Committee of Adjustment

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# Children visit with Santa Claus

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Kinmount's second annual Christmas in the Village event is being regarded as a success with estimates that it surpassed attendance of last year.

Close to 96 children got to share their Christmas wishes with Santa when they visited with him on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Organized by the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Development, the event included a tree lighting a week before, breakfast, lunch, 96 gifts for children of all ages, which were purchased pre-wrapped by and from

the Minden Home Hardware and visits with Santa Claus, who made the rounds, stopping by the post office and the Legion.

There were various groups and individuals that made the event possible such as the Kinmount and District Lions Club, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Ladies Auxiliary, Kinmount Business Association, the clowns, who gave out balloons and candy canes, including free horse-drawn wagon rides by Mash Hill Carriages, who provided rides throughout town and to the Legion.

This event is in lieu of the community's parade.

Left, Santa Claus waves just before making his way with a few people to the Royal Canadian Legion.

Below, six-year-old Kayla Switzer embraces Santa Claus (with mom Kim looking on) during the second annual Christmas in the Village event.

Darren Lum Staff



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Haliburton County Home Builders Association

## 15th Annual Christmas Challenge

*Join the Challenge and help us to make a difference*

As the Christmas party season commences, The Haliburton County Home Builders would like to encourage you to include its Christmas Challenge in your plan. Large or small, each gift will help fill the Christmas hampers to families in need.

**Step 1:** Collect unwrapped toys or food items at your office or your Christmas Party.

**Step 2:** Call in advance to the Home Builders Office 705-457-6901. Members of the Home Builders Association will pick up your gifts and deliver them to the workshops in Haliburton & Minden.

**Remember:** to make the most of the Challenge have your gifts ready for pick up BEFORE December 16th. Early delivery to the workshop means the elves have enough time to prepare the baskets before Christmas.





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## HOCKEY POOL

Standings	Name	Points	Standings	Name	Points
1	Rob Reid	440.5	71	Bill Kulas	361.5
2	Bruno Campagnolo	436.5	72	Donna McKay	360.75
3	David Dollo	425.75	73	Dave Ertel	360.5
4	Scott LaRue	425.5	74	Rick Cazabon	359.5
5	Melissa White	422.25	75	Jim Winn	359.5
6	Denniella Rivard	421.5	76	Rhonda Shaw	359.5
7	Desroche	420.75	77	Ethan Carl	359.25
8	Cody Martin	418.5	78	J.D. Thomas	358.5
9	Eric Schuster	416.25	79	Lyle Donaldson	357.5
10	Eric Casper	415.5	80	Frank Darroch	355.25
11	Dave Luke	412.5	81	Charles Blackburn	355.25
12	Marcia Bell	409.75	82	Erin Little	353.5
13	Andrew Hall	408.5	83	Jamie Little	352.5
14	Ray Downs	407.75	84	Morgan Gadway	352.5
15	Ferne Taylor	406.5	85	Larry Holden	352.5
16	Dale Robinson	406.5	86	Rick West	350.5
17	Blake Wood	405.5	87	Chase Heinemann	350.5
18	Ryan Hall	404.5	88	Chris Hall	350.25
19	Nancy Holden	402.75	89	Bob Sisson	349.75
20	Joan Bell	400.5	90	Dave Taylor	349.5
21	Ron Sedley	399.75	91	Nancy Luke	348.25
22	Geroge Holliday	397.5	92	Andrew Carmount	347.5
23	Jeff Burk	396.75	93	Matt Pritchard	347.25
24	Darrell Gilbert	395.5	94	Cameron Bradley	346.5
25	Glenn Hall	394.5	95	Robert McIvor	346.25
26	Ray Lymer	391.5	96	David Bell	344.75
27	Ann Varty	390.5	97	Richard Rasmus	344.5
28	Bill Argue	388.5	98	Daniel Rivard	343.75
29	Eleanor Lymer	388.5	99	Mark Vasey	342.75
30	Rod Bell	387.75	100	Jeff Barry	342.25
31	Ian Kemp	386.5	101	Billy Walker	341.5
32	Norm Bottum	385.75	102	Diane Peacock	341.5
33	Jame Alden	385.75	103	Jacob Bishop	340.75
34	Dave Moss	384.5	104	Andrew McGill	340.75
35	Lisa Barry	383.5	105	Jamie Pritchard	340.25
36	Mark Arike	382.5	106	Nick Kulas	339.5
37	Jane Duchene	381.75	107	Tom Howat	339.5
38	Tom Marshall	380.5	108	Brian Moore	337.5
39	Pat Barry	379.75	109	Jeremy Crowder	337.25
40	Hunter Bishop	378.5	110	Audrey Sedley	336.75
41	Cheryl Smith	378.5	111	Jordan Hamilton	335.5
42	Ed Copeland	378.5	112	Maie Arike	332.75
43	Ted Vasey	377.5	113	Dave Prestwich	332.5
44	Donald MacMillan	375.75	114	Gerald Sharp	331.25
45	Spence Elvins	375.75	115	Martin Schuster	330.5
46	Brian W Mulholland	375.5	116	Alex T. Little	330.5
47	Robin Carmount	374.5	117	Joanne Hanna	328.25
48	Gord Higgins	374.5	118	Dwight Thomas	327.75
49	Mike Hamilton	373.5	119	Margie Prestwich	327.75
50	Blake Paton	373.5	120	Don Chapman	327.5
51	Brock Thomas	373.5	121	Alex M Little	326.25
52	Keith McKelvey	373.5	122	Dan MacMillan	325.5
53	Helen Burk	372.75	123	Dianne Parish	325.5
54	Jaydon Wood	372.5	124	Luke Hunter	325.25
55	Gary Thorpe	372.5	125	Johnathan Preestwich	322.75
56	Grenville Barry	372.5	126	Bob McKay	318.25
57	Tyler Martin	370.5	127	Sherry Denboer	318.25
58	Don Critchley	369.75	128	Pat Marshall	317.75
59	David Douglas	369.5	129	Al Lauchlan	317.5
60	Phil Smith	369.25	130	Larry Southgate	316.5
61	Jonathan Sharpley	367.5	131	Al McEachern	315.5
62	Beryl Rasmus	366.5	132	Steve St Cyr	307.75
63	Barbara Cameron	365.5	133	Bryan Rivard	306.75
64	Jim Chase	364.75	134	Glen Jewett	305.25
65	Emile Duchene	364.5	135	Tim Prestwich	299.75
66	Steve Bell	364.5	136	Peter Varty	297.5
67	Shannon Robertson	363.75	137	Lisa Malott	280.25
68	Ed Dart	363.5	138	Gerald Ainsworth	279.75
69	Paul Cameron	362.5	139	Bruce Fisher	277.75
70	Krystal Sharp	362.5	140	Ann McIvor	256.25

# YWCA reflects on 25 years

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The YWCA has been helping women in Haliburton County for 25 years and while violence against women persists, the organization continues to strive for a better day.

The Peterborough YWCA expanded to Haliburton this week in 1986, opening a family violence safety network outreach office in the county.

It had received a grant.

"We actually had a six-month investigative phase," says executive director Lynn Zimmer, explaining the organization wanted to determine how to best spend the money. "We identified that it would be good to have free counselling services for women."

Outreach counselling offices were established in Haliburton, Lindsay and Havelock.

"We actually changed our name to reflect the fact that we were working in all these counties," says Zimmer, who's been with the organization for 27 years.

The YWCA Peterborough became YWCA Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton.

It was soon evident that many women in Haliburton County were in particularly bad situations.

"From the very beginning, we realized that the circumstances of women in Haliburton County were particularly dire," Zimmer says, explaining that high levels of unemployment and alcoholism, as well as the county's isolated nature, all contributed to abuse of women. "The more isolation there is, the greater difficulty there is for a woman who's in that circumstance."

A tragic realization of such circumstances came in

1987, when county resident Joyce Watson was shot dead by her husband.

Watson, who was leaving her husband and relocating, had returned to pick up the remainder of her belongings.

"She was already on her way," Zimmer says. "She had her new place. She was feeling very optimistic about her future."

Darlene Smith-Harrison is the organization's outreach services coordinator and remembers the 1980s as a time of great change in protecting women from abuse.

"I was thinking back to the 1980s and what was going on then," says Smith-Harrison, who started with the YWCA as a counsellor 25 years ago.

Until then, there was no legal charge for men who sexually assaulted their wives.

"The mandatory charging began at that time as well," Smith-Harrison says.

Before that, it was up to a woman to press charges.

"Prior to the 1980s, if police responded to what they called a domestic dispute, it could be called a private family matter . . . an argument that just got out of hand."

The decade was also important in that more research into the effects of couples' domestic violence on children began to take place.

"They were just starting to realize the impact that witnessing violence, fighting and arguing can have on children," Smith-Harrison says.

Police also began keeping more statistics on women being murdered by their partners.

The 1990s saw a decline in services due to provincial financial cuts to women's shelters.

"If a community was lucky enough to have a shelter,

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Sarah Adams, left, resource development coordinator for the YWCA in Haliburton and Darlene Smith-Harrison, outreach services coordinator for YWCA Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton at the YWCA Women's Centre in Minden. The organization is celebrating 25 years of service in the county this week.

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# Shelters cut during 1990s

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they probably lost their children's counselor, the lost their housing support workers," Smith-Harrison says, naming a line of jobs that were eliminated under the cost-cutting measures.

The cuts were damaging for women who relied on the YWCA's services.

"The thought of leaving an abusive relationship and not being able to feed their kids, put a roof over their heads, was more frightening than staying in an abusive situation," Smith-Harrison says.

Since then, there have been improvements.

In 2000, reporting cases of domestic abuse to the Children's Aid Society was made mandatory and in the meantime, the province has made strides at restoring services.

In 2006, the Haliburton Emergency Rural Safe Space was opened.

Zimmer thinks women in Haliburton County have a certain kind of resiliency, "and maybe it's that sort of rugged individualist thing that people who actually prefer

to live a little bit further from urban centres [have]."

The local branch of the YWCA has evolved to include different types of counselling over the years and moving forward, intends to do increased outreach programming, including visiting schools and talking to girls about healthy relationships.

It's in the process of composing a strategic plan. "We are, as an agency, looking at where we want to be 10, 15 years from now," Smith-Harrison says.

While services in the county continue to expand, the number of women using them remains consistent, at approximately 200 a year.

It is likely there are many more instances of abuse, as they are often under-reported.

And often women of greater socioeconomic means will retreat to a hotel or resort instead of using a shelter, further distorting the figures.

In the past quarter-century, the local YWCA has helped 4,000 women.

The YWCA is funded by the Ministry of Community and Social Services and also relies on fundraising.

# Small outbreak at Hyland Crest

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Three residents were displaying common cold-type symptoms and were being kept in their rooms.

Testing was being done.

Rosebush said the small outbreak had not changed procedures at the facility and at press time there had been no lockdown of any sort.

There was what Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO Paul Rosebush called "a small respiratory outbreak" at Minden's Hyland Crest long-term care home on Dec. 6.

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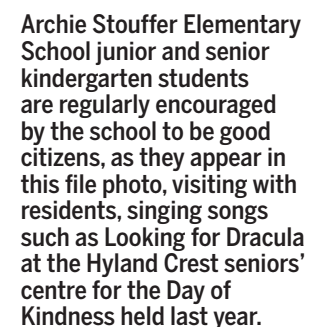
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Sonja Addison has a son in senior kindergarten and when she moved here from the city values and a sense of community were foremost on her mind for her five-year-

"I don't think it is just the schools. I think it is a bit narrow to say that it's just public schools versus the private. I think you have to take into consideration the community and the

Both parents obtained post-secondary education in cit-

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# Teachers strive towards exceeding standards socially and academically

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ies and didn't even consider raising their son in an urban centre.

## School philosophy is important

Her son has since enjoyed one full year at ASES. From regular conversations, the parents have noticed Aden is always anxious to go to school. Addison isn't sure it is just a unique trait of her son, or if this is true for other students at ASES, but she couldn't be more satisfied with this attitude, which she attributes to the school.

"Overall, it is more important, they say, is the actual school philosophy and attitude because as you go through the school system ... everybody might have a teacher that might not be perfect, but what's [the] more important [question] is does the whole school have a strong philosophy? That's what I learned even before looking for a school," she said.

In her opinion, based on a background in psychology with post-secondary school study, there is great importance attached to the psychological influences on a young child during the formative years of schooling.

This year her son, who was the oldest in the class, was encouraged to take on the leadership role and take on more responsibility. She is happy with how her son has accepted the role and the positive effect it has had on him.

As part of the reputation, which includes a high regard for teachers, there are teachers such as Mark Stamp that obviously put everything and more into his teaching plans.

He is upset when he hears parents believe public education is failing children with low academic standards and does nothing to reinforce manners and social graces.

Each day his class works together in setting and achieving goals using the restorative circle, taking turns listening to each other. The restorative practice concept utilizes the community concept of sharing the responsibilities to

not only encourage, but to lend support to overcome challenges.

Academically he strives to get his students at a level three, which is the equivalent of 70 per cent or higher. Although he admits a student can move on in his class with a level two (60 or 65 per cent), he enables all of his students to constantly strive for more than the minimum.

Stamp offers students the opportunity to be self-reliant. In math, students are provided a three-part problem-solving concept, which gives them the opportunity to come up with their own alternative methods working in groups first, then offered guidance and advice from Stamp for another resolution. Once solved, the students break off and must solve a similar problem to not only show him they can work individually, but that they fully understand how to resolve the math problem.

When it comes to marks, Grade 6 teacher Brenda Brouwers said her students are doing well above the perceived passing grade of 50 per cent. Her students all scored at least in the 70s for reading on the Education Quality Accountability Office test last year, she said.

"That happens because of the high standards. The kids have to buy in. They have to be part of the community. They have to want to achieve higher and you have to have your bar set high so that they achieve it. And if you don't they won't," Brouwers said. "It's like any profession, you're going to have teachers who have the bar really high and other teachers [who don't]. In this building, I'd say, there is a real high level [set]."

Citing the EQAO website, the ASES Grade 6 students, who were at or above the provincial standard, have seen a marked improvement since 2007 with 12 percentage points more in reading, eight percentage points in writing and 14 percentage points in math.

The Grade 3 students at or above the standard are as follows with 71 per cent in math, 69 per cent in writing and 63 per cent in reading for 2009-2011.

Although (the *Times* observed one class of) students are not given homework each night to complete, they are given the daily task of reading and discussing the material with parents, which is then recorded for the teacher to check.

Assigned homework in two observed cases was given a week to two weeks to complete. Both cases though were used to get students to think about a concept and involved parents to interact for greater development of the skills taught in class.

## Homework is not everything

Mike Darlington, who has been teaching since 1983 with 17 years at ASES, said he gives homework to his Grade 2 students for research purposes put towards future assignments.

For example, he said his students are learning about different cultures by researching other traditions and celebrations at this time of year when Christmas is the prevalent celebration here in the county. Part of the education will include a letter to the newspaper, inquiring about what other ethnic groups celebrate at this time of year.

He believes the amount of homework assigned does not have a direct correlation with academic success. For most of his students, who are seven, he said, they need a break from school. Some students are so busy, he adds, with athletic and arts activities outside school that homework is more of a burden than a benefit.

## Reputation brings pride

Darlington is proud to know his school is held in high regard and believes there is a trickle down effect.

The reputation in the community is something that is pervasive, lending itself for a standard the teachers and in particular, the students want to maintain, he said.

"If students come in and they're happy and they know it is like that then they know what to expect they act that

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# School's standing built upon strong reputation

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way. Someone goes to school and expect fights every day and it's all negative that's what they [might] aspire to. I don't know," he said.

Darlington said Grade 1 - 3 classes are all capped at 20 students. The answer isn't always in the numbers, as demands vary from class to class, depending on the composition of the group.

"Not all kids are the same. You can get a class of 20, which sounds great on paper, but if they're all high needs kids, there's a lot of needs in there and some of them with a lot of needs don't qualify for an educational assistant ... it can put a lot of stress on the teacher and the class," he said.

When asked about the demand of parents, he admits it's impossible to please everyone.

"You get five parents in a room and ask them how to make it better you might get five different answers," he said.

Although the board has recently instituted the Quality Daily Physical Education, which incorporates physical education with regular blocks of time set aside for activities to build cooperation in a non-compet-

itive atmosphere, Darlington has included some form of it in his teaching before it was implemented.

## Inclusive education

Darlington's aim with physical education has always emphasized communal spirit.

"I tend to go for low-organization games, activities that minimize competition. I do this very consciously because when I get the students that are playing organized sports [outside], who get lots of exercise and are good at it, they have a skill [and demonstrate it]. The students that are not in organized sport, who don't have the skill, perhaps, they just back away if you get a competitive game going. Then they are not learning and not getting exercise."

He adds he still includes competitive games, but in that case he'll make the rules so everyone gets involved to have a good time.

His aim has always been to incorporate activities that are inclusive, low structure, with minimal instruction on his part that requires little to no equipment.

When he first started with ASES, Darlington could not use the gym and took his

see INCLUSION page 18



Darren Lum Staff

Inclusive events involve everyone, as seen in this file photo of a rehearsal for last year's Christmas concert that shows Mr. Buchanan's Archie Stouffer Elementary School's Grade 6 class, rehearsing for the (Bruce Springsteen version of) *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*. The boys were responsible for percussion while the girls were dancing and singing.

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# Inclusion, a prevailing theme towards sense of community

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class outside walking.

"It helps them settle down. They really enjoy it," he said. "We have trails behind our school - an extensive trail system. It's something they all can do. We can go for a walk. Some of these kids can't afford to play hockey maybe or some other sports, or it too challenging in terms of logistics, but living up here there are lots of great places to go for a walk. They'll come in on Monday and tell me they went for a walk with their parents."

The same students, he adds, may adopt a healthy lifestyle for the rest of their life because of it.

He laughs, remembering how one class he took out to the Kinark Outdoor Centre for a walk were caught in a down-pour and how every rainy day after they wanted to go for a walk.

The teacher with close to three decades of experience has taught virtually all the grades in elementary school and said in his experience the administrators for this area are progressive with programs ensuring the students are being cared for outside of academics.

He cites the breakfast club and snack program to name a few.

"There is a feeling of warmth in the school that people buy into and they maintain it," he said.

Addison and her husband had considered living closer to Toronto, but decided against it.

"I personally think it is very different up here compared to the big cities. The values in big cities is much more based on, perhaps, what you have and what you're doing and it's a little bit more, I would say, financially based than personal growth based. Up here it's more about your community and more about your neighbour. It's more about personal values."

As far as influence, regarding how children will spend at least seven hours away from parents, Addison believes it is ultimately up to the parent to teach the foundation for establishing manners and strong character.

Like any profession, all teachers are not created equal in terms of professionalism and the values they hold. She recognizes these differences, particularly the values that her son will be exposed to eventually.

"You have to trust that they are going to give the values

that you want. That's not always going to be the case. In the real world everybody has different values. Sometimes it's good for your kids to get exposed to different ones. It's up to the parents to make sure the children know which ones to choose as the most important ... you don't want your children to be bullied because they are too nice and you don't want them (to be necessarily a bully)," she said.

For now she is happy with her decision, but like everything it is always clearer after the fact and isn't sure what she will say in a few years if asked.

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# Toth and Zondervan pin down gold medals

**Paul Klose**  
Special to the *Times*

## HHSS Wrestling Results

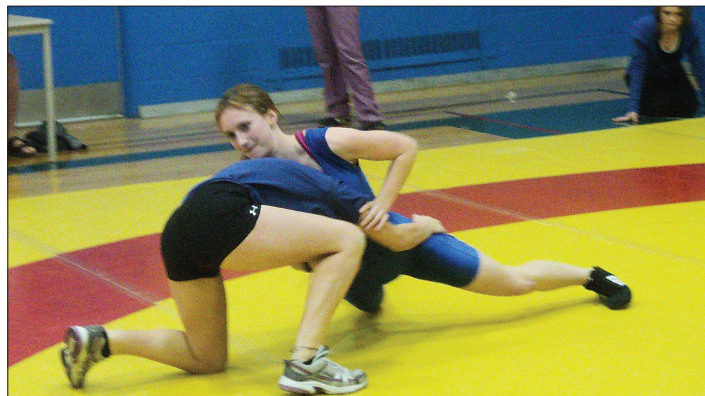
Red Hawk wrestlers had a fantastic start to the competitive season at the Kenner Collegiate Wrestling Tournament held on Nov. 30.

Fifteen HHSS wrestlers competed at the tournament, which hosted more than 250

wrestlers from the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics region.

The team was led by veteran grappler Zane Zondervan, who won the gold medal at the 77 kg weight class. Liz Toth went undefeated as well to capture the title in the women's 64 kg division.

Coaches Paul Klose and Dan Fockler are pleased with the results early in the season, and look forward to continued success at this week's tournament hosted by Quinte Secondary School in Belleville.



Red Hawks wrestler Caitlyn Griffin, above, defends a leg attack during the Kenner Collegiate Wrestling Tournament held at the school on Wednesday, Nov. 30.  
/Submitted by Paul Klose

## Individual Results

Gold – Zane Zondervan, Liz Toth  
Silver – Bailey Walker, Jenn Woolcott, Lily

Coneybeare, Keith Burley  
Bronze – Nichole Honderich, Maia O'Sullivan, Cody Cox  
Fourth Place – Jake Kidd

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# What type of birds do you see?

It doesn't seem much like winter bird feeding weather as I write this, but conditions usually change dramatically between now and count day on Dec. 17. For the last two years, heavy snows and bitterly cold temperatures have chased many lingering birds south by mid-December. Ground feeders such as sparrows and juncos, as well as gulls, depart soon after the first significant snowfall. Large lakes such as Gull and Kashagwigamog often remain open until early January, but in 2009 and 2010 even they froze over the day before the count. On years with these lakes still unfrozen, we can find a dozen or more species of water-dependent birds within the count circle. Surprisingly, the Haliburton County count often has the highest number of common loons of any count in Ontario, even those on the Great Lakes. A record nine were found in 1999. Unusual wintering waterfowl recorded on past counts include Harlequin duck, Barrow's goldeneye, ruddy duck, double-crested cormorant, red-throated loon and pied-billed, horned and red-necked grebes.

After two years of extremely poor seed crops on local trees, area birders were excited to see a reasonably good crop of cones on balsam fir and white spruce. Spirits rose with the prospect of large numbers of winter finches at local feeders. So far, we've been disappointed. Bumper crops of cones on trees in the Hudson's Bay lowlands, and north of Lake Superior may have lured crossbills and siskins elsewhere. Purple finches often winter here when balsam fir cones are plentiful, but most seem to have left the county early.

But don't despair, there are some birds around. If you stock your feeders with fresh sunflower and niger seed, spread some millet or cracked corn on the ground, and hang up hunks of suet, you will be rewarded with feathered visitors as the season progresses. Not many blue

jays migrated south this year. Chickadees and both nut-hatches are about in good numbers. Algonquin Park feeders are already hosting evening grosbeaks and occasional sightings of pine grosbeaks, common redpolls and white-winged crossbills are reported in the park. People providing niger seed have goldfinches coming to visit.

So stock those feeders and get ready. Don't forget to tally the birds in your neighbourhood and send us the results so your birds can be part of the worldwide tally.



**Bird populations around the world are under pressure due largely to an exploding human population.**

— Dennis Barry

Last year 62,624 observers recorded a record 61,359,451 birds of 2,250 species on 2,215 counts, mostly in Canada, the United States and Latin America.

Many of us have hummingbird feeders here during summer and are thrilled when several ruby-throated hummingbirds fight over them. Hummingbirds are found only in the Americas, but 184 different species were recorded on last year's Christmas count. The field guide to the birds of Columbia features four plates with

colourful paintings of hummingbirds, some 30 kinds per page.

A bright male scarlet tanager spotted among opening leaves in early May brings gasps of joy to the lips of excited birders each spring. Last year's CBC tanager species total was 148. Tanager names such as flame-faced, saffron-crowned and green-and-gold bring back memories of exciting days spent high in the Andes of Peru, for those lucky enough to have travelled there.

Bird populations around the world are under pressure due largely to an exploding human population. Information you help to collect here in winter is used to help plan ways to assist birds in trouble everywhere. So let us know what birds you see on Dec. 17, or contact us to join a group searching a larger area.

The Christmas Bird Count circle is 15 miles across, extending from Kinmount and Moore Falls in the south to Mountain Lake in the north, from Bob Lake in the west to Lochlin and Irondale in the east.

Contact Ed or Thom as soon as possible to join a group on Dec. 17.

To report birds at your feeder, phone 705-286-1189 between 5 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 17, or phone Ed or Thom on Dec. 18. You can email your results to Dennis or mail them to Dennis Barry, 338 Crystal Beach Blvd. Whitby, ON L1N 9Z7. Species not seen by anyone on Dec. 17, but found on Dec. 14, 15, 16, 18, 19 or 20 will be recorded as Count Week birds.

We hope you're able to join us on Dec. 19 to help make the 43rd CBC in Haliburton County the best ever.

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**NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW  
 BY-LAW 2011-49**  
 (Application AH-ZBA-004/09: Johnson)

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands passed By-law No. 2011- 49 on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011, under the provisions of Section 34 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, c. P.13.

**AND TAKE NOTICE** that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect to the By-law by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands, not later than the December 21, 2011, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the By-law, the reasons in support of the objection, and the fee required by the Ontario Municipal Board.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

**LOCATION OF LANDS**

The lands affected by Zoning By-law 2011- 49 are located on Part of Lot 15, Concession 1 (geographic Township of Stanhope), known municipally as 15661 Highway 35.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE BY-LAW**

The purpose of the By-law is to amend the zoning on the property from "Hamlet Residential (HR)" to "Hamlet Residential Exception One (HR-1)". Exception One would recognize and permit the existing four (4) dwelling units within the existing building on the property.

The effect of the By-law will be to legalize the use of the existing building on the property which contains four (4) dwelling units.

Additional information relating to the by-law amendment is available for review during regular offices hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

Dated at the Township of Algonquin Highlands this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2011.

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 BY-LAW 2011-50**  
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**AND TAKE NOTICE** that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect to the By-law by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands, not later than the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2011, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the By-law, the reasons in support of the objection, and the fee required by the Ontario Municipal Board.

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**LOCATION OF LANDS**

The lands affected by Zoning By-law 2011-50 are located on Part of Lot 13, Concession 11 (geographic Township of Stanhope), on the north shore of Hall's Lake, known municipally as 1257 Hall's Lake Road.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE BY-LAW**

The property currently contains two dwellings units, one on the north side of Hall's Lake Road and a second on the Original Shore Road Allowance on the south side between Hall's Lake Road and Hall's Lake. The applicants wish to remove the dwelling on the north side of Hall's Lake Road and construct a new dwelling on the north side of Hall's Lake Road.

The purpose of the By-law is to rezone the property from the Shoreline Residential Type One Zone (SR1) to the Shoreline Residential Type One Exception 14 Zone (SR1-14). Exception 14 would deem the lot to include the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of the property as part of the lot for planning purposes, recognize two dwelling units on the lot with a restriction on reconstruction or additions to the dwelling unit on the south side of Hall's Lake Road and prohibit a sleeping cabin on the property.

The effect of the By-law is to recognize the subject lands as containing two dwelling units, one on the north side of Hall's Lake Road and one on the south side of Hall's Lake Road, thereby allowing for the removal and reconstruction of a new dwelling unit on the north side of Hall's Lake Road.

Additional information relating to the by-law amendment is available for review during regular offices hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

Dated 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2011.

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# Reads of the week



## Book of the Week, Adult Title

*Breath* by Tim Winton

Set in 1970s Western-Australia, *Breath* by Tim Winton follows Pikelet and his friend Loonie, both thrill-seeking young teenagers, as they fall under the spell of extreme-surfer Sando, an enigmatic hippie-guru who eventually leads the boys into a world full of high-stake adventures.

In their review of *Breath*, Library Journal stated that Winton, "describes surfing and the sea so thrillingly that even non-swimmers will want to plunge right in." You can reserve *Breath* at the Haliburton County Public Library.

## Book of the Week, Teen Title

*All These Things I've Done* by Gabrielle Zevin

In 2083, chocolate and coffee are illegal, paper is hard to find, water is carefully rationed, and New York City is rife with crime and poverty. And yet, for Anya Balanchine, 16-year-old daughter of the city's most notorious crime boss, life is fairly routine. That is until her ex is accidentally poisoned by the chocolate her family manufactures and the police think she's to blame!

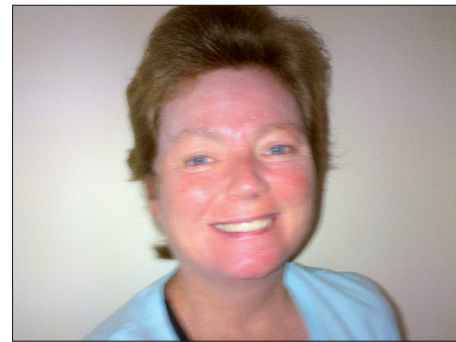
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## Local Celebrity Read

Ann Gordon, the new owner of Haliburton Village mainstay, the Kozy Korner, has recently finished *The Cat's Table* by Michael Ondaatje.

*The Cat's Table* is the latest novel from this acclaimed Canadian author, and was shortlisted for the 2011 Giller Prize.

Gordon says, "I chose the book for my book club for two reasons. The first was that I had enjoyed *The English Patient*



also by the same author and the second reason was that our book club had been reading some pretty heavy books lately and I was looking forward to reading some light fiction."

"The story is the adventure of an eleven year old boy who travels aboard a ship from Colombo to England," explains Gordon. "He is relegated to the Cat's Table which is the furthest table away from the captain's table at mealtimes. There were nine people seated at the

table including two other boys roughly the same age. The premise of the story is getting to know some of the characters on the ship and the three boys' adventures on the 21 day trip."

"The boys travel below decks, spy on passengers, learn secrets and get into trouble with very little supervision as they are travelling alone. The adventure is a significant life event for the narrator and we see the impact as we see into his future and the adult he becomes."

## News & Events

Attend the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library's "Friendly" Christmas Sale! Gently used books, library mugs, gift baskets and more are available. Minden Hills Branch - Thursday, Dec. 8 and 15 in the Book Nook, 10 to 4 p.m. Dysart Branch - Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9 and 10, Roberts Room, 10 to 4 p.m.

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## Thanks from SIRCH

SIRCH Community Services honoured their volunteers at a special luncheon Monday, Dec. 5 at the Wild Moose restaurant. SIRCH volunteers worked 2,000 hours this last year at the various services offered by the non-profit organization. Mike Jaycock of Canoe FM was the keynote speaker and Kyla Grexton and Stella Voisin both spoke about the difference volunteers have made for them. Flowers were donated by Country Rose and cupcakes were provided by Shelley van Nood. /Submitted by Nancy Brownsberger

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## Coming Events

**Due to circumstances beyond our control, The Gambler concert has been cancelled.**

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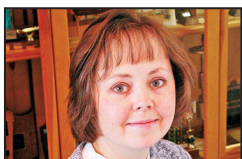
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# Dorset is getting ready for Christmas



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A bit of drizzle did not dampen the spirits of the crowd awaiting the lighting of the community Christmas tree in Dorset. This year for the first time the ceremony had a husband and wife team as the official tree lighters.

Ken and Mildred Everest were the chosen tree lighters for 2011. Ken Everest was a summer resident for 40 years before he and wife Mildred retired to their home on Paint Lake in 1993. Ken and Mildred have been year round resi-

dents for 18 years.

They have taken an active part in the Dorset community through their membership in Knox United Church and other volunteer efforts, such as the Dorset Life Liners, and especially in the Dorset Heritage Museum. They have enjoyed living here and knowing the folks in Dorset, and they extended best wishes to all as they lit the community Christmas tree.

The tree is absolutely beautiful this year thanks to the volunteer fire fighters and municipal staff who put a ton of extra lights on for the occasion.

After the tree lighting all enjoyed hot chocolate and hotdogs prepared by the volunteer firefighters and friends. Thank you to the Dorset Lions Club for providing the treats. It was a fun event to kick off the Christmas spirit in the village.

Donations are being accepted for the Christmas baskets that Knox United Church organizes. Thirty eight small items are needed such as packages of hot chocolate, pudding cups, fruit cups, juice boxes and the like. For more information, contact Pat Schell at 705-766-2373.

The Dorset Community Partnership Group wishes to remind all residents to complete the health needs survey before the cut-off date of Dec. 31. All permanent and seasonal residents within the surrounding communities are eligible to complete it and should do so in the interest of trying to bring health care services such as nurse practitioners closer to our towns and lakes that comprise the broad community of Dorset.

Simply complete the District of Muskoka Health Needs Survey online at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/health-careneeds> or complete a paper mail-in survey. Forms are available at the Dorset Recreation Centre, Avery's or Robinson's stores or by phoning 705-766-0354.

Results of this survey will be communicated publicly when available in the New Year.

Don't forget if you want to donate to the Annual Food and Toy Drive taking place on Wednesday, Dec. 7, leave your porch light on!

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# Advent services begin this weekend



**Patti Fleury**  
Around the Town

705-488-2938 Fax: 488-1246  
brucefleury@nexicom.net

After a very busy week there is little new news other than seven-year-old grandson Ben scoring nine goals in his hockey game last Saturday. If your family has special occasions or achievements that you would like to share please pass them along by calling or by emailing brucefleury@nexicom.net.

Going through old files Saturday afternoon I came across a copy of a magazine article dated November/December 1998, a single page from *Country Living's* Backporch section titled the Christmas Women. Its author Barbara Holland writing from her home in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Northern Virginia speaks of the critical role of women in the life of small rural communities and her concern as to that spirit of generosity continuing as a new generation takes their place. Later that evening at the Galway Hall while enjoying the annual Christmas Music Night it was clear that the volunteer contributions of not only the Christmas women but the Christmas men, teens and young children were the ingredients of its success. Auctioneer Doug Pearson was ably assisted by nieces and nephews as he tempted the bidders by adding a Kinmount calendar to each prize grouping. This first edition runs from November 2011 through December 2012 and to quote Doug "it's the only calendar with 14 months, eight of which are winter." Shirley's butter tarts and Patti's (not me) chocolate

chip cookies continued to be top earners. I think that we are in good hands. This event was a fundraiser for the Kinmount Committee on Planning and Economic Development, which contributes so much to the beautification of our town. The calendars make a great gift and can be purchased at several local businesses.

As our grandchildren grow there are no "littles" to buy for so it is fun to pick out something to place under the Kinmount and District Lions Club Angel Tree. These trees can be found throughout town at the post office, health centre, Kinmount Pharmacy, Kawartha Credit Union, Shop 'N Save and Gateway Variety waiting to receive your donation of a new, unwrapped toy for infants to teenagers with the teens the most difficult to supply. Non-perishable food items can also be placed there for the Christmas hampers.

Kinmount United Church continues its Advent services with Rev. Paul Irwin presiding on Sunday, Dec. 11 and Rev. Desmond Howard on Sunday, Dec. 18 at the regular time of 9:45 a.m. Please note that there will be a Christmas Eve service on Saturday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. with Rev. Desmond Howard but no Sunday service on Christmas Day.

The Kinmount Artisans Marketplace will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. as of Friday, Dec. 16 through Christmas Eve then remain closed on both Christmas and Boxing Day. It will be open again the week between Christmas and New Years before closing as in past years for the month of January in order to carry out upgrades to the space and display areas.

Kinmount is unique as the meeting place for three municipal governances - City of Kawartha Lakes, Township of Galway-Cavendish and Harvey [Peterborough County] and Haliburton County. This week we obtained a copy of

the CKL Parks, Recreation & Culture Division's Kawartha Lakes Community Guide for 2012 with its impressive listing of services, programs and attractions for area residents of all ages. It is a good reference to have on your shelf both for family and visitors so give a call to 705-324-9411 ext. 1301 or 1-877-822-2225 at the same extension to request a copy. This publication is also available at the CKL Service Centres in Bobcaygeon and Coboconk.

Until next week...

## Help the YWCA spread joy this Christmas

Bring an unwrapped gift to the Kinmount, Haliburton, Wilberforce or Gooderham LCBO locations between now and Dec. 11 for LCBO's annual Gift Drive for YWCA. Your donation will add a little joy to the lives of women and their children who use the anti-violence programs at YWCA Women's Centre, Haliburton County. Local grocery and gift cards, board games, art supplies and gifts for older children and mothers are most needed. For more information, please contact Sarah Adams at 705-457-0260.

## Coming Events

### Stanhope Firefighters Association 2011

#### Kids Christmas Party



**Inviting all Children living in Stanhope township  
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**(Children are to be accompanied by a parent or guardian)**

**Saturday December 10th 2011**

**11:30am-2:00pm**

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**At the**

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## Coming Events



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The scenery was beautiful Nov. 30, after a blowy, snowy day.  
Mike Baum Special to the Times



Mike Baum's mother and step-father found creative ways to  
weather the 24-hour outage.

# community calendar

What's happening in the County



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**to the  Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: [www.haliburtonecho.ca](http://www.haliburtonecho.ca)**

**Dec. 7-Dec 24: Zechariah 4:6 Ministries Inc.** will be holding a charitable fundraiser, wrapping Christmas gifts at V&S Stedmans Haliburton in the front entrance every Wednesday 11am - 5pm, Friday 11am - 7pm and Saturday 10am - 5.00pm in December. Come and help us as we help you and others. Judith 705 457-3107

**Dec. 8, 9, 10 & 15: Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library "Friendly" Christmas Sale.** Christmas book baskets, HCPL mugs, new Friends book bags and new remaindered books for Christmas giving in Minden Hills Library (Dec 8 & 15) and Dysart Library, Haliburton (Dec 9 & 10) from 10-4.

**Dec 10: Minden Legion Branch 636, music by Highland Trio from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Dec 14: Lochlin United Church Annual "Old Fashioned Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long"** at 7:30p.m. - Lochlin Road off the Gelert Rd. (County Rd. 1). Great music accompaniment with Rev. Harry Morgan and "Friends." Refreshments following: Hot cider and Christmas goodies. Donations to the Food Banks gratefully accepted.

**Dec 14: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild's annual Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon** is at 12 noon at the Stanhope Community Centre. Bring your own dishes & cutlery, your "pot" and a wrapped gift. For information call Pat Stiver at (705) 489-3751.

**Dec 15 Community Care Christmas Lunch** Christmas Lunch advance tickets only order by December 8, 2011 Please contact Community Care for location and time, 705-457-2941 [hilary@communitycarehaliburton.com](mailto:hilary@communitycarehaliburton.com)

**Dec 17: Fleming College Haliburton presents "Threshold: Student Art Show and Sale"** 10am-4pm 297 College Drive Haliburton, Free admission, light refreshments. Ceramics, fibre art, paintings, metal sculpture, photography, and much more

**Dec. 20: Haliburton OEYC Christmas with Santa!** from 10-1. Please bring a wrapped book with your child's name on it. Santa will visit and stay for milk & cookies too! Phone to sign up at 705-457-2989. **Minden Wed. Dec. 21** from 10-1. Santa will join us at circle. Stay for a pot luck lunch.

Donations to the food bank also welcomed. To sign up by Dec. 19. phone 705-286-1770.

• **Highland's Hand weavers & Spinners Guild** meet at the Zion United Church, Carnarvon on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm For more information call Marian Gillanders at 705-489-3574

• **Lakeside Baptist Church is hosting the 7th Mission of Love dinner** this year for those alone at Christmas. It will be a traditional turkey dinner, no charge - It will be served by volunteers. 4 pm Carols & Eggnog, 5pm sit down dinner. It is for anyone alone in Haliburton County or perhaps someone single or a couple that live away from family, or have no family no matter why come and join others on Christmas day. To sign up for dinner or if anyone would like to volunteer to help serve or donate food for the dinner they can contact. Judith 705 457-3107

• **FOOD 4 FINES** -For the month of December, the Haliburton County Public Library will waive your library fines in exchange for a non-perishable food donation. Donations collected will be given to the Food Bank closest to your library branch. This applies to overdue fines only. Fees for lost or damaged materials are not included. If you do not have any fines, you are still welcome to participate by dropping off your donation at any of the eight branches in Haliburton County.

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis.** While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be emailed to [jmceathron@mindentimes.ca](mailto:jmceathron@mindentimes.ca) or brought in to the office.

**Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.**  
**NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area.** Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.



# Atom A comes close at Silver Stick tournament

It was two days of exciting hockey on Saturday and Sunday at the Haliburton arena with hard fought close games but the Highland Storm Atom AE team was edged out by some tough competition. Storm lost their first game against the tournament winner Sterling by a score of 3-0. Each period was close but Storm just didn't have any luck getting the puck in the net. The second game against Centre Hastings was a nail-biter right to the end with Noah Black opening the scoring for the Storm team followed by a goal by Jake O'Neill. The game could have been tied by a shot by Miki Bukta that went off the post and again at the end of the game by a shot by Paul Turner that went in one second after time expired on the clock with the score 3-2 for Centre Hastings. The third game against the Prince Edward County Kings saw Carter Bull put a rocket shot in the net from the point but Storm could not score another and finally lost 2-1. Goalie Jaxson Campbell was in excellent form during all three games, stopping the opposition many times with key saves.

The semi-finals on Sunday both went to overtime. The game between Sterling and Port Hope went to five minutes of three-on-three play, another five of two-on-two play and then five minutes of one-on-one play before Sterling scored for a 2-1 win. 2-1 was also the final score for the Prince Edward County Kings beating Napanee in overtime. Sterling came out on top against Prince Edward County in the final by, again, a score of 2-1.

Special thanks go out to Storm team manager Bobby-Sue Campbell for all of her hard work in putting the tournament together and to her and Christina Black and all the parents who helped at the tournament. Coach Jim O'Neill, Assistant Coach Doug Schell and Trainers Jeff Black and Greg Turner deserve much credit for their work in developing the AE team to produce a very respectable showing at the Silver Stick tournament. The season is not over yet and we can look forward to some great hockey from the Storm AE team.

*Submitted by Larry Bukta*

## Peewee As tournament champs

It seems that most of the Highland Storm teams had a busy weekend of hockey. Dr. Ed Smolen's, Family Dentistry Peewee As travelled to Campbellford Saturday to participate in their tournament, it was an early morning for all. Our first game was at 10 a.m. against the Prince Edward County Kings and was a good game for the Storm with a win of 5-1. Four of the five goals went to Matt Wilbee and the fifth to Chase Burden. Assists to Jake Bishop, Chris Thompson (2), Josh Boice, Greg Crofts, Devyn Prentice, Max MacNaull, Mark Saville and Jake Bull.

It was a long wait for the next game at 3 p.m. but a short wait to find out it would be against one of our local rivals the Bracebridge Bears. Having finally beaten them our last regular season game we knew this one would be hard fought. Another good game with fans anxious about the outcome.

The Storm came out with a win of 3-1, the first by Jake Bull assisted by Matt Wilbee and Ethan Keefer. The second goal also in the first period by Matt Wilbee assisted by Greg Crofts and Ethan Keefer. There were no Storm goals in the second period and in the third an empty netter, unassisted by Greg Crofts to close the game with a win of 3-1, moving the Storm onto the finals at 7 p.m.

The Storm was matched up with their tournament rivals, Centre Hastings Grizzlies, having met in the finals of the last two tournaments the Storm was in and having lost to them both times we knew this was going to be an intense game and that is was. The boys came out with purpose all on the same page to win this game. It was an exciting game but the Grizzlies were about to lose their first game of the season and the Storm was about to become the Campbellford A Champions with a 3-2 win! Goals went to Andrew Hall assisted by Chase Burden and Chris Thompson, Chris Thompson assisted by Jake Bishop and Andrew Hall and the last goal Mark Saville assisted by Chase Burden and



**Darren Lum Staff**

The Highland Storm Atom AE goalie dives out to cover up a loose puck during a game against the Prince Edward County Kings in the 9th Silver Stick AE regional tournament for groups 3-5 at the Dysart Arena on Saturday, Dec. 3. The Atom team was unable to advance, but hosted a well-organized tournament. The Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association also hosted Peeewe and Bantam aged teams from across Ontario at the Dysart Arena and the S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden this past weekend.

Andrew Hall. Chase Burden was voted MVP of this game. Congratulations to our boys.

After the long and eventful day on Saturday the Storm boys returned to the ice in Minden on Sunday for a game against the Almaguin Ice Devils which proved to be a slightly harder game than the last, maybe the boys had a bit of "hockey lag" from the tournament the day before or the Ice Devils were tired of losing. Josh Boice opened up the first period and the second, getting a natural hat trick, (two goals in the first and 1 the beginning of the second), obviously he was certainly on his game. Josh's goals were assisted by Chase Burden (2), Max MacNaull (2) and Ethan Keefer. The third goal in the second period was by Chris Thompson assisted by Devyn Prentice and Josh Boice.

The Ice Devils attempted to battle back but the Storm would not see and in the third period scored two more goals for a 6-0 win and a shut out for goalie Parker Smolen. The third period goals went to Max MacNaull assisted by Devyn Prentice and Chase Burden, Chris Thompson assisted by Matt Wilbee and Josh Boice. Also a shout out to the Atom AEs for being Silver Stick Champions and to the Peewee AEs for being Silverstick Finalists.

*Submitted by Karena Crofts*

## Victory for Atom AE

The Highland Storm Atom AE team skated to an easy 8-0 win in Gravenhurst on Wednesday, Nov. 30. Goalie Jaxson Campbell stopped anything that managed to get past the strong Storm defence. Jake O'Neill earned a three-goal hat trick while Nigel Smith scored two goals and James Alexander, Denver Allore and Braden Robinson scored one each.

*Submitted by Larry Bukta*

## Bantam AEs face Gravenhurst

The Highland Storm Bantam AEs sponsored by Dave's Landscaping and McKee Security hosted the Gravenhurst

Flames Sunday night in Minden. The Flames had passed the Storm when they played them earlier in the season so they were perhaps looking forward to another easy win.

The Storm, on the other hand, were riding high after beating a strong Port Carling team a week earlier and felt better prepared for a powerful opponent.

The Storm came out strong and attacked the Flames hard right from the outset. They were well organized in their own zone and passed the puck well when they had possession. Kyle Laverne opened the scoring for the Storm when he was sent away on a partial breakaway.

He beat the defender to the outside and put in a nice backhand shot. Hunter Bishop and Caleb Schmidt drew the assists. The Flames scored in the second and the two teams went into the intermission tied 1-1.

Both teams played well defensively with a minimum of chances given to either side. The match was hotly contested as the Gravenhurst team grew increasingly frustrated with the tight checking Storm. A power play goal at 12:08 of the third period gave the Flames the lead and they scored again at 10:20 to go up by two. The Storm fought back hard but could not connect on any of their chances. Goalkeeper Austin McKay had a strong showing in the loss.

*Submitted by Doug Sullivan*

## Storm keep Otters at bay

The Atom As played a good game against the Huntsville Otters on Sunday, with some good skating to keep the puck out of our end throughout the game.

With the only goal scored by us didn't come until the third period, unassisted by Lucas Haedicke, he managed to break through the Otters and deke out the goalie and score a beauty.

With some good saves at the right time by, Carson Sisson, we managed to keep the score at a tie 1-1.

Great game boys, keep up the good work.

*Submitted by Joanne Sisson*



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Dec. 17, 2011  
at the  
Legion in Minden  
at 7:00 p.m.  
*Family and Friends  
Welcome*

## Deaths



## Carolyn Malott

Peacefully at Victoria Hospital, London, Ontario on **Wednesday November 23, 2011** in her 59th year after a courageous battle with cancer. Beloved wife of Jerry for 31 years, cherished mother of Brian and his wife Carol, stepmother to Wendy, Jill and Sharron. Loving daughter of Gladys and Giles Connelly, sister to Susan and Peter. Grandmother of 6 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren. She will be missed dearly by her family, colleagues at the City of London and many friends. Visitation took place on Friday, November 25 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., at **MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME**, 1559 Fanshawe Park Rd. East, London with a funeral service on Saturday, November 26, 2011 at 11 a.m. followed by burial in Kingsville, Ontario. Donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Children's Hospital of London.

## Deaths

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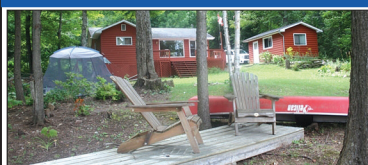


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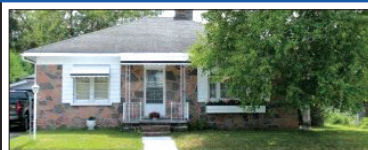


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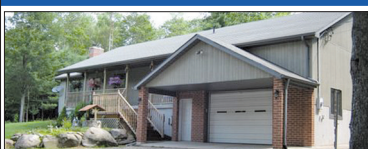


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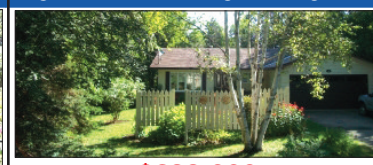


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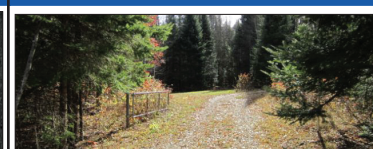


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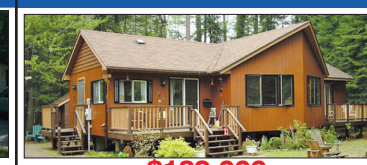


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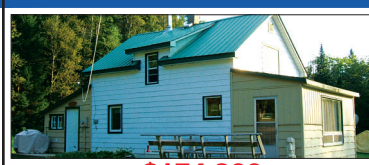


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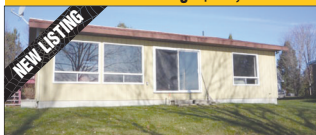
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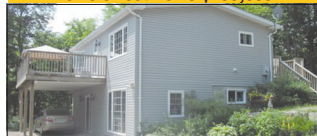
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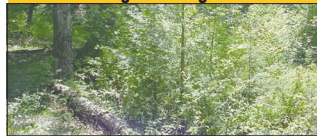
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**Mark Dennys 457-2128 x 30**

**Boshkung Lake \$880,000**



Winning waterfront home offers gorgeous sand shoreline, south exposure and excellent privacy. 5 bdrms, floor to ceiling stone & cedar fireplace in LR, master bdrm w/ensuite & WI closet. Large deck for entertaining, and much more.

**Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29**

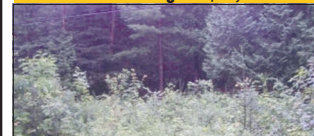
**Trooper Lake Cottage \$324,900**



Year-round (except for water) with great lake views & rippled sand shore; 1200 sq. ft, 3 bdrms, 1 bath, several upgrades, incl. new kitchen; MUST SEE.

**Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52**

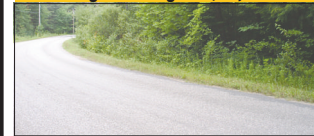
**Great Building Lot \$34,900**



Build your dream home on over 2 acres of level land. Close to Sir Sam's Ski Hill and Eagle Lake. Great year round access.

**Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25**

**Large Building Lot \$29,900**



Great, wooded, 2.86 acre building lot close to Minden. 208 ft frontage on Bobcaygeon Road gives easy access to all amenities or a quick, direct route to Hwy 118.

**Anne Moulton 286-2138 x 24**

**Kennisis Lake - Million Dollar View \$579,000**



2624 sq ft of living space plus 26x28 garage and shed/bunkie. 2 bdrms on main level and 1 bdrm & den on lower level w/office and workshop. Level well treed lot with beautiful sand beach.

**Gloria Carnochan & Cindy Muenzel 754-1932**

**Country Home \$154,500**



Viceroy style home with 3 Bedrooms and 1 bath features a sunken living room with fireplace, partially finished basement, private level lot. Great location close to 3 lake chain with easy access.

**Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34**

**Irondale River \$259,000**



Privacy + in this unique 3 BR log home on 14 acres with 1750' of riverfront. Featuring a woodstove, pellet stove & EBB heating. Many recent renovations. Main floor layout lends itself to B&B potential!

**Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968**

**Great Value on Bob Lake \$329,000**



One of the finest parcels on Bob Lake, with good year round access and gently sloping lot to the waterfront. Country kitchen, New wood burning stove and septic round out this just reduced classic cottage.

**Margie Prestwich 457-2128 x 31**

**3 Lake Chain! \$219,000**



Comfortable 3 bedroom cottage on the Gull River at the mouth of Moore Lake. Big dock, level lot and township road access.

**Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28**



**Drew Bishop\*\***  
457-2128 x 23



**Dagmar Boettcher\***  
489-9968



**Janice Brookes \***  
457-2128 x 22



**Gloria Carnochan & Cindy Muenzel**  
754 - 1932



**Mark Dennys \***  
457-2128 x 30



**Deborah Deremo\*\***  
457-2128 x 58



**Tom Ecclestone \***  
286-2138 x 26



**Peter Franzen \***  
286-2138 x 52



**Tom Gardner \***  
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**Lee Gauthier \*\***  
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**Ed Gibbons \***  
286-2138 x 28



**John Hincks \*\***  
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**Andrew Hodgson\*\*\***  
286-2138 x 29



**David Lee \***  
286-2138 x 27



**Gary Moffatt**  
457-2128 x 36



**Susanne James \***  
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**Denise LeBlanc\***  
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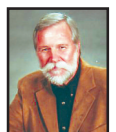
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